MEETING MINUTES BUENA VISTA AREA WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE October 24, 2012 10:00 a.m. in Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Donna Elliott, Richard Hulet, William Ryan and Charles Witzke

Absent: Judith Barnosky (excused), and Eugene Extejt (excused)

County: Dawn Harrison, Chuck Mopps, Sandy Wright

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the May 8, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

The status of the Committee membership and their term limits were reviewed. Mr. Extejt's application for reappointment is scheduled to go to the Board of County Commissioners on November 13, 2012.

Old Business:

Dredge Project – Ms. Harrison distributed the survey maps for the Committee to review. Mr. Mopps gave an explanation of each of the four waterways that are shown on the maps. The was discussion regarding the Natural Resources Department funding the Sunrise Waterway since it is their beach re-nourishment project that causes the waterway to fill in with silt. Mr. Mopps stated that if the Unit wants to do their dredge at the same time as the project at the Beach Complex, it could possibly save some money. Mr. Witzke stated that this committee doesn't want to wait on the Beach Complex. There seems to be a delay on their project and the Waterway Unit has boats that can't get out because of it. Ms. Elliott made a motion to let the Beach Complex pay for the dredge of the Sunrise Waterway. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hulet. The motion passed with a vote of 3 for and 1 opposed. Mr. Mopps stated that based on the information received in the survey, the cost to dredge the Elkam, Beeney and Gardner Waterways would cost \$120,000-\$171,000. If the Committee wanted to fund the Sunrise Waterway as well, it would cost an additional \$30,000-\$40,000. Ms. Harrison verified that the Committee has sufficient funding in their budget to dredge all 4 waterways. There was discussion regarding the Committee writing a formal letter to the Community Services Department and copying a commissioner requesting that they pay for the dredge of the Sunrise Waterway. There was discussion regarding starting this Unit's dredge project on the other 3 canals and leave Sunrise until last in hopes of hurrying along the project at the Beach Complex. Ms. Harrison will follow up with Community Services to get a status on the project at the Beach Complex. Mr. Hulet made a motion to add the Sunrise Waterway as an option to their dredge project in the event Community Services is unable to fund it. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ryan and passed with a vote of 3 for and 1 opposed. There was discussion regarding the time line for the project. Mr. Mopps explained the request for letters of intent (RLI) will go to the Purchasing Department and will take approximately 30 days. An engineering firm should be selected by December. The project should be able to be put out for bids during the first quarter of the 2013 calendar year. Work should start next summer. Mr. Witzke stated it needs to be done prior to that because people can't get their boats out. Mr. Mopps explained that the barges used to do a dredge require 4-5 feet of water. There won't be enough water during the winter tides for the equipment. The project will have to wait for the higher summer tides.

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New Business:

<u>Budget Report</u> – Ms. Harrison distributed the final budget that was approved for 2013 and explained that next year will begin a new 2 year budget cycle. It will be a fixed budget for fiscal year 2013/2014 and 2014/2015. The draft budgets for next year are due to Financial Services by the end of January. Mr. Mopps recommended meeting at the beginning of January to discuss the budgets. There should be further information available on the dredge by then. There was discussion regarding the payment for the survey. Ms. Harrison will distribute the activity reports which will show if the survey has been paid for and how much it cost.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Submitted by: Sandy Wright

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Public Works Department